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1. The largest and most important soap factory in Bulgaria is located at Kostinbrod (N 42-29, E 23-14). Formerly the property of Chilov (fnu), it produces laundry soap, toilet soap, and various chemicals needed in making soap. Its maximum output is 15 tons daily, which is enough to meet all of Bulgaria's requirements. Approximately 500 workers are employed.
2. The second largest soap factory in Bulgaria is the former Chernomore Factory located approximately 200 meters west of the western railroad station of Burgas. It makes laundry soap and toilet soap, and has a maximum output of about 15 tons per day. It does not work to full capacity, and employs only 50 to 60 workers.
3. The former Bachevarov Soap Factory at Ruse produces laundry soap and toilet soap. Its daily output is five or six tons.
4. The former Papazov Soap Factory at Plovdiv, which produces toilet soap only, is located approximately one kilometer south of the central railroad station of Plovdiv.
5. A small factory (name unknown) at Sofia makes toilet soap only.
6. All ingredients necessary for soap manufacture, except caustic soda and sodium carbonate, are available in Bulgaria. Caustic soda and sodium carbonate are imported in unlabelled barrels. A large factory to make these two materials is under construction near Varna, and is scheduled to begin production this year. Both equipment and supervisory personnel are Soviet.

1. ☐ Comment: Probably refers to the Karl Marx Soda Factory under construction near Devnya (N 43-14, E 27-33).

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